GIANT OF THE BOGS

Mastodons That Have Been Unearthed in Marshy Regions.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

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It would perhaps be difficult to find anybody who would speak a good word for swamps. The man who drains one and turns its marshy surface into productive soil is universally regarded as a public benefactor. So the projected draining of the Dismal swamp in Virginia and the Okefanoicee swamp of Georgia is regarded only with favor, and few could be found to regret the disappearance of these remarkable features of our American landerages, says Youth's Companion.

Yet, setting aside the strange pictures parsess of such marshy regions and the carlosities of plant life which thou exhibit, it is easy to show that swamps have been useful in a manner that sould hardly have been anticipated. They have very effectually served the cause of science by preserving the remains of some of the most remarkable of the former in-

habitants of the earth.

Here in America the skeletons of several mustodons have been found imbedded in ancient swamps, and so perfectly preserved that no difficulty whatever has been encountered in restoring the bones to their normal position, setting the skeletons on their feet and thus exhibiting to the eyes of modern man the monster animals which were probably familiar sights to our ancestors nobody knows how many thousands of years ago.

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In Ireland the ancient swamps were equally efficacious in preserving for us the gigantic elks which became mired

in them.

Swamps have proved no less useful agents of science in other parts of the world, and particularly in Australia, New Zealand and Madagascar. What could be more interesting than the bones of a giant bird which was in all probability the roc described by Sindbad? Just such bones have been discovered in the marshes of Madagascar and New Zealand, and there is plenty of evidence that the great birds which owned them were the contemporaries of men in the were the contemporaries of men in the past history of those islands. But for he swamps we might have remained gnorant of the fact that birds with againger and heavier than those of he largest horse once flourished in the outbern hemisuhere.

A CLEAR CASE OF BUNCO.

had just started from the hotel and the market place, when I ced an elderly darky, standing on opposite side of the street, looking from one to another of the people go-ing in and out of the various entrances to the hotel. The moment his eyes caught mine his face lighted up, and with outstretched hand and a smile he

on his face—be so thoroughly enjoyed his little game and he worked it so well—that there was no refusing him. Resid he is the most artistic member of a great gang of peculiar negro beggars to be found on the streets of Panama. They are, without exception, from the islands ruled by the British in the West Indies, and they beg only of English speaking strangers. On every corner and on several blocks between corners, while walking to the market, I met negro men. Without exception they bowed and touched their hats and said: "Good mawnin', bom. I'se on de beach, sah. A dime, sah, if yo' please." "On the beach" is equivalent to the American "on his uppers," or "dead broke."

BACKED OUT AT THE ALTAR

If all the young women were like Miss Amy Lambert it would be a train-If all the young women were like Miss Amy Lambert it would be a training to parents in the way they should go. Mr. Lambert, the father of Miss Amy, was a signaler in the government telegraph office at Allahabad, India. Probably he had been influenced 'J what he saw of life in India. At any rate, he regarded his daughter much as he did the telegraph instruments in his office. With those he pressed a button and it recorded whatever he wanted it to. He expected Miss Amy to do the same. Finally Mr. Passana, a dusky gentleman in the employ of a native prince, met the daughter of the signaler, and she pleased him. She was so eminently satisfactory to his fancy that he forthwith announced to her father that he wished to marry her.

The telegraph operator thought it over. Court gentlemen, even if rather swarthy ones, were not to be had every day, and it behooved the father of a family of daughters to allow possible woors to come carly and often. So he announced to Miss Amy that her future was arranged for and to prepare for the wedding on such and such a day. When the astonished young woman recovered from her suprise she assured her father that she liked not the rajah's brunette courtier, and that to the best of her knowledge the wed-

the rajah's brunette courtier, and that to the best of her knowledge the wed-ding would not come off. Her father pooh-poohed this outburst, told her to draw on him for all she needed for a suitable trousseau, and took himself off to drink with his future son-in-law.

Then it was that Miss Amy Lambert made up her mind as to a course of action. During the succeeding weeks, although she repeatedly and decisively told her father that she could not and would not be happy with Mr. Passana, she nevertheless, finding that no heed was paid to her remonstrances, joined with interest in the preparameasing all at once, rode to the urch in company with her father, to, beholding her placid and eatisfied to, told himself what a wise father

"All one needs," said the telegraph operator to himself, "is a little firm-ness. Silly girls should never be al-

And all the time the bride-elect smiled softly to herself, as if her thoughts were peculiarly pleasant. The clargyman, Rev. Brook Deedes, thought he had never seen a happier-looking couple and began the ceremony with the warm expectation of a goodly fee. He bowled merrily along until he reached the question: "Will you have this man to be your wedded husband?" He expected a faint "I will," but was almost paralyzed to receive an emphatic negative from the young woman, who at the same time

bogrudge her the fine new wardrobe she had acquired. What became of the bridegroom history (in the shape of the Allahabad News) does not record, but after this he will probably not at-tempt to marry an English girl against her will.

A BEAR'S REVENCE

An Old Grissiy Lies in Wais for the Persible Transgresser.

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, writing of grissly bears in his book, "The Wilderness Hunter," relates a story told him by Dr. Merrill, of the United States army. "A remarkable incident," Mr. Roosevelt calls it. Dr. Merrill, in company with an old hunter, was following an elk trail in a deep, narrow manyon.

On turning a corner of the canyon, the two men were charged on by an old she grizzly, so close that it was only by good luck that one of their hurried shots disabled her and sent her tumbling over a bank, where she was easily finished.

They found that she had been lying directly across the game trail on a smooth, well-beaten patch of bare earth, which looked as if it had been dug up, refilled, and trampled down. Examining this patch curiously, they saw a bit of hide only partially covered at one end, and on digging they found the body of a well-grown grizzly cub. Its skull had been crushed and the brains licked out, and there were

enb. Its skull had been crushed and the brains licked out, and there were signs of other injuries.

The hunters pondered long over this strange discovery, and hazarded many guesses as to its meaning. At last they decided that probably the cub had been killed and its brains caten, either by some old grizzly or by a cougar; that the mother had returned and driven away the murderer, and that she had then buried the body and lain above it, waiting to wreak her ven-geance on the first passer-by.

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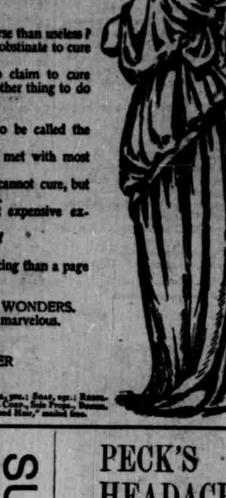
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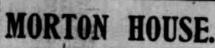
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